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SUBJECT: US GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR ISRAEL

REF: TEL AVIV 1892

1. WITH RELATION TO DOLLARS 50 MILLION STATE DEPT. APPRO-
PRIATION, FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT GIVEN TO JEWISH TELEGRAPH
AGENCY AND SEVERAL OTHER CORRESPONDENTS ON QUOTE IF ASKED
UNQUOTE BASIS.

2. BEGIN TEXT: Q. WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE DOLLARS
50 MILLION APPROPRIATION TO ASSIST SOVIET JEWS MIGRATING
TO ISRAEL? A. THIS MONEY WAS PROVIDED BY THE CONGRESS AS
PART OF THE DEPARTMENT' S AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1973, AND IT APPEARS IN THE PRESIDENT' S
BUDGET WHICH WAS PRESENTED TO THE CONGRESS IN JANUARY.

PLANS FOR UTILIZATION OF THE FUNDS HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE
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DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF REFUGEE AND MIGRATION AFFAIRS, HEADED BY SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY FRANK L. KELLOGG, IN CONSULTATION WITH OUR EMBASSY IN TEL AVIV, THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL AND JEWISH VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN THE UNITED STATES. ALTHOUGH FIRM DECISIONS HAVE NOT BEEN REACHED, WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE FUNDS WILL SUPPORT THE HOUSING AND CARE OF THE MIGRANTS IN EUROPE WHILE THEY ARE IN TRAVEL STATUS, THEIR ONWARD AIR TRANSPORT AND THEIR

INITIAL RESETTLEMENT IN ISRAEL. WE ANTICIPATE THE EXPENDITURES WILL BE MADE IN THE FORM OF GRANTS TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN MIGRATION (ICEM) AND TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES. END TEXT.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO LOW- KEY RELEASE TO ISRAELI PRESS IF EMBASSY DEEMS IT ADVISABLE. ROGERS

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